National Rowing Academy at Hyderabad

310. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government for setting up of a National Rowing Academy at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in clearing the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHA KRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had written to Director General SAI on 21.7.2001 stating that Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to set up a Rowing Academy at the Hussainsagar Lake, Hyderabad for which 2.147 acres of land could be allotted to the SAI with the condition that the lake front would be used by other Associations and sports persons and other water sports clubs of Andhra Pradesh namely, Kayaking, Canoeing, Yachting etc.

The State Government had also stated that it has decided to transfer the existing building of Youth Services to the SAI permitting them to construct additional floors for housing and dormitories. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has valued the building at Rs.33.52 lakhs @ Rs.400/- per sq.ft. and wanted SAI to pay the above amount to Commissioner of Youth Services. The State Government was informed by SAI that under the existing scheme of SAI, there is no provision of making payment to the State Government for making available sports infrastucture facilities for running the SAI Sports Promotional Schemes.

Since, at present. there is no scheme under which the SAI could provide financial assistance for setting up of a Rowing Academy, SAI is not in a position to consider this proposal. However, SAI has requested the State Government to allot a building free of cost so that SAI could consider opening a Special Area Games Centre for water Sports in Hyderabad. Reply of the State Government is awaited.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned to meet on Monday at 11.00 A.M.

The House then adjourned at three minutes past two of the clock, till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 4th March ,2002.

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